

Pacifica Voter Attitudes Toward Infrastructure Funding Measures

Key Findings of a Citywide Survey Conducted January 17-25, 2024



Survey Methodology

Dates January 17-25, 2024 **Survey Type Dual-mode Voter Survey Research Population** Likely November 2024 Voters in the City of Pacifica **Total Interviews** 582 (Full Sample) $\pm 4.4\%$ at the 95% Confidence Level **Margin of Sampling Error** (Half Sample) $\pm 5.7\%$ at the 95% Confidence Level Telephone **Email** Text

Contact Methods



Calls





Invitations

Data Collection Modes





Online **Interviews**

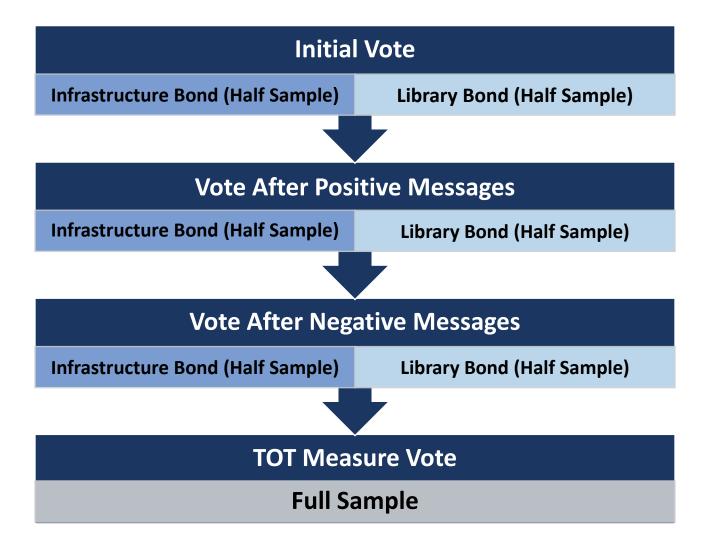
Survey Tracking

November 2008, June 2016, February 2019, October 2019, and April 2022



(Note: Not All Results Will Sum to 100% Due to Rounding)

Survey Approach



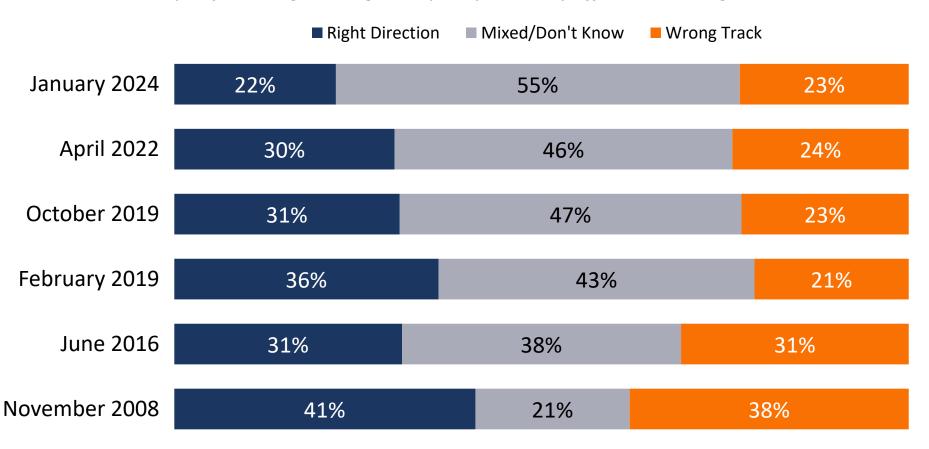




Community Context

Like many Bay Area communities, Pacifica voters are less optimistic about future.

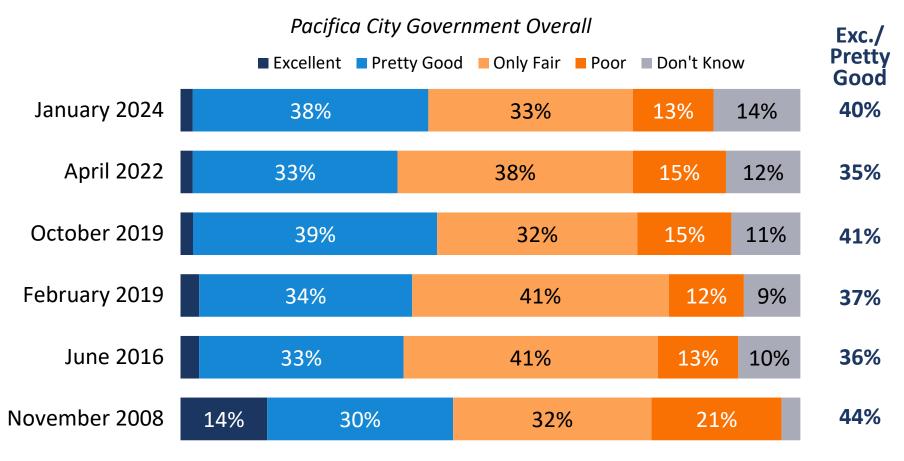
Would you say that things in the City of Pacifica are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?





Evaluations of city government's performance have remained mostly consistent in recent years.

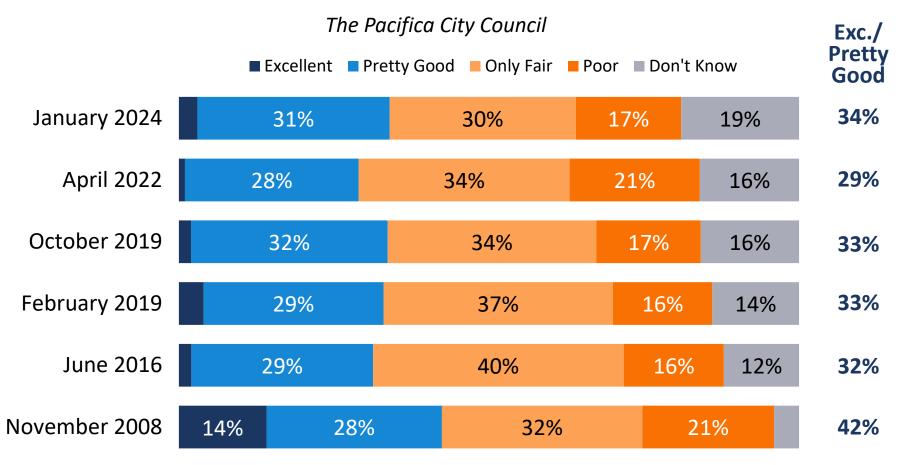
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Views of the Council have also remained steady.

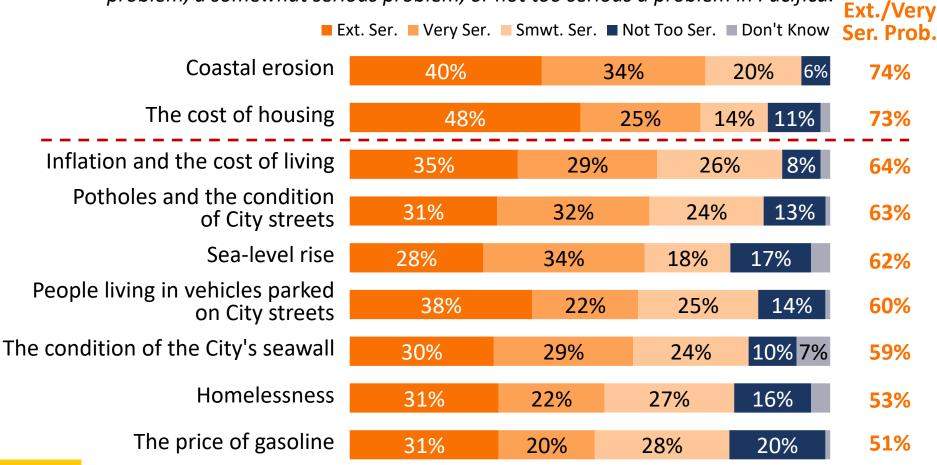
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Coastal erosion and the cost of housing are the top problems in Pacifica.

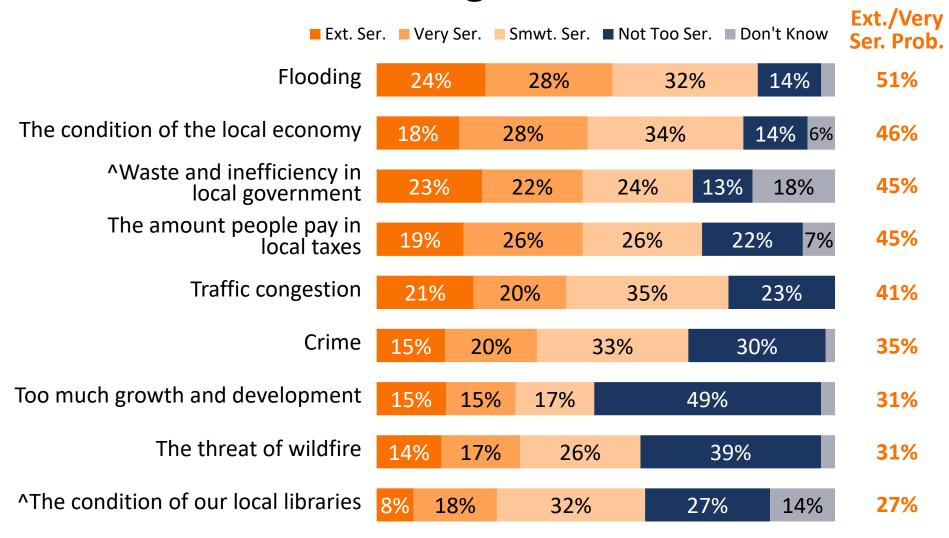
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Lower-tier problems covered a wide range of issues.

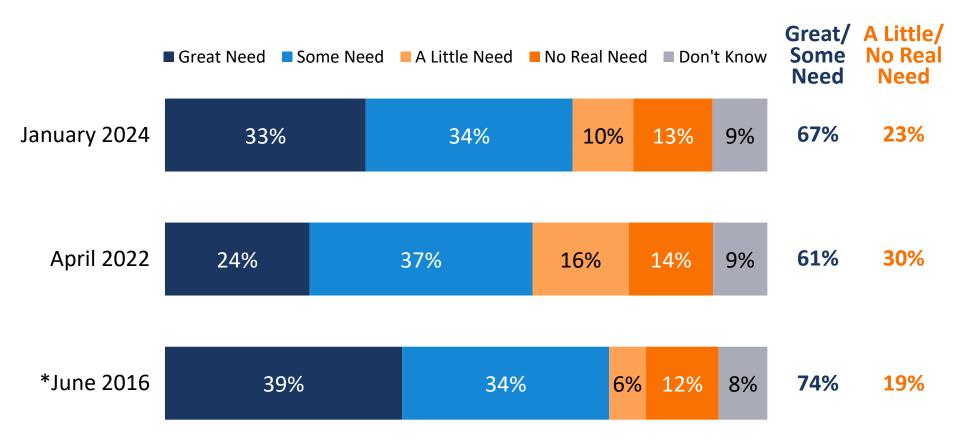




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Two-thirds see a need for additional funding for city services.

In your personal opinion, do you think there is a great need, some need, a little need, or no real need for additional funds to provide the level of City services that Pacifica residents need and want?



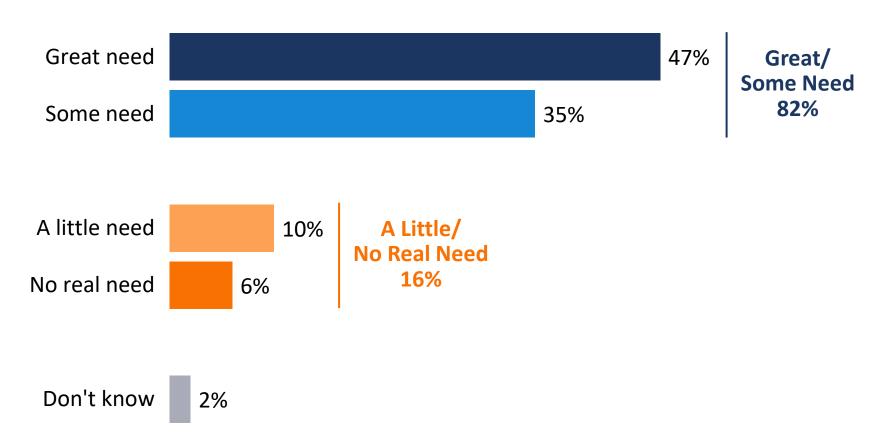


*Slightly Different Wording in Previous Survey

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More than four in five see a need for funding for infrastructure and roads.

In your personal opinion, do you think there is a great need, some need, a little need, or no real need for additional funds to maintain infrastructure, including roads, in Pacifica?







Introducing a Potential Infrastructure Bond

Infrastructure Bond Measure Language Tested

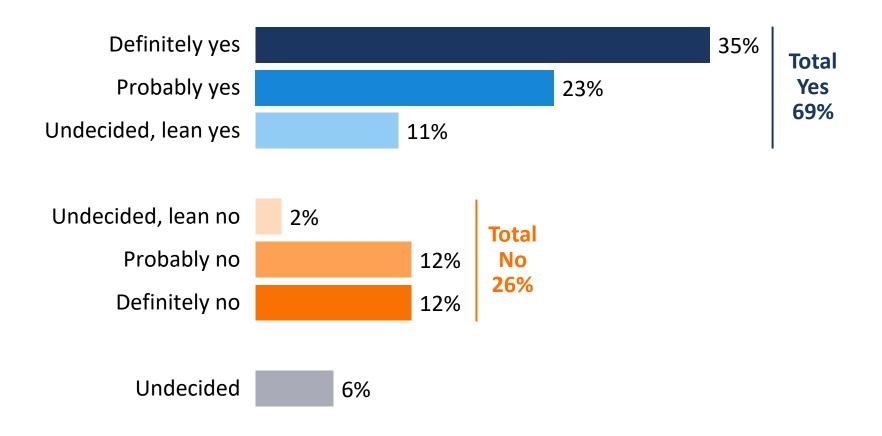
67% Threshold for Passage

Repairing/Maintaining Pacifica's Roads, Seawall and Infrastructure.

Shall the measure to repair and update aging infrastructure, including roads/potholes, the Seawall and storm drains; protect roads/buildings from flooding, sea level rise and earthquakes; qualify for state and federal matching funds; maintain public facilities; by the City of Pacifica issuing \$60,000,000 in bonds with an average levy of \$24 per \$100,000 of assessed value, generating approximately \$3,500,000 annually for 30 years, including financial audits be adopted?



Two-thirds expressed support for a potential infrastructure bond measure.

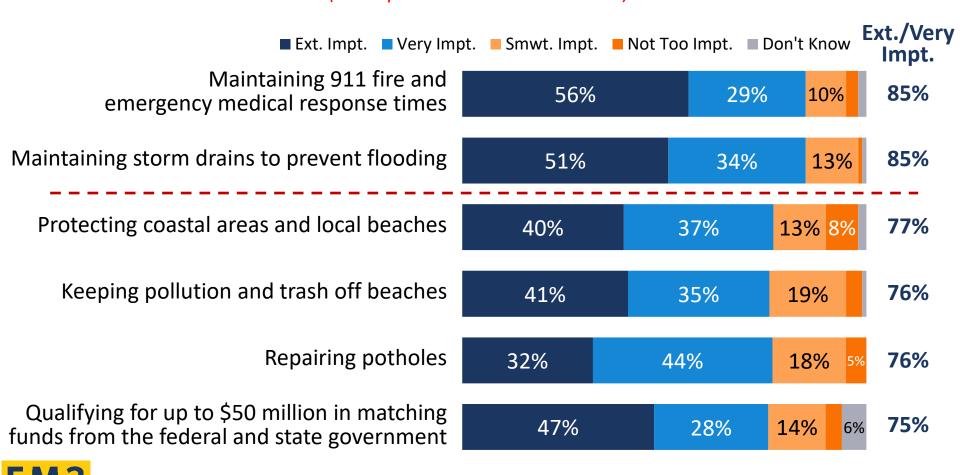




Maintaining 911 emergency response times and storm drain maintenance are top priorities for the measure.

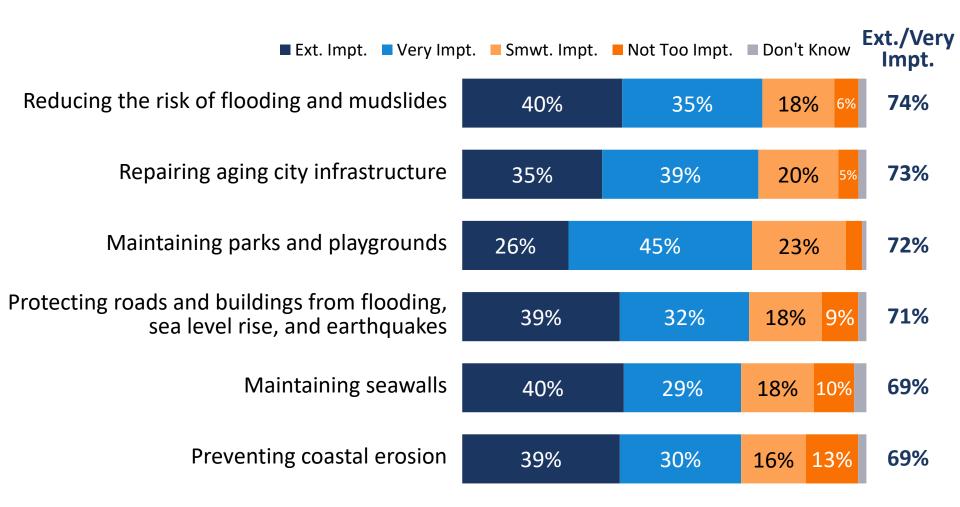
I'm going to read you a list of potential elements of this measure, including projects the measure could fund. Please tell me how important it is to you that each of the following items are included in the measure we have been discussing. Is it extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not too important?

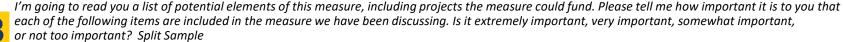
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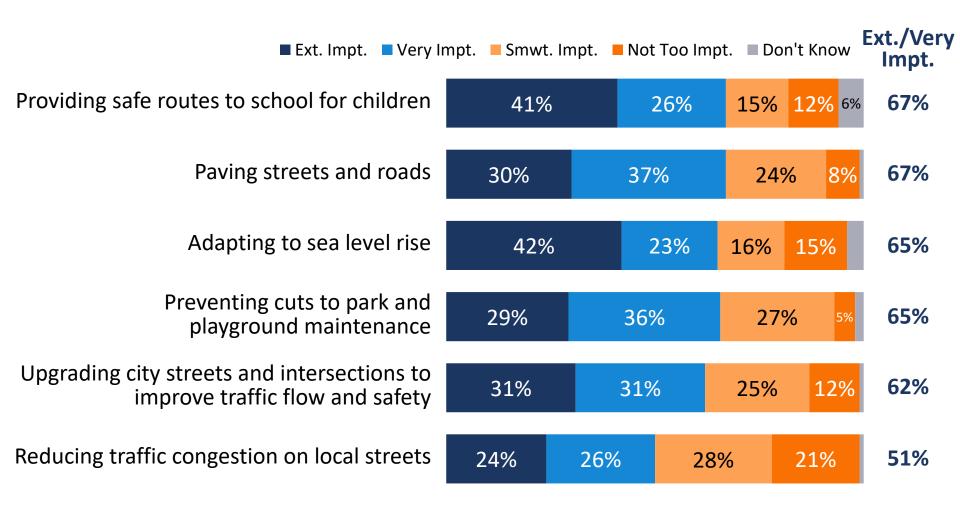
Three-quarters say that reducing the risk of flooding and repairing aging infrastructure is important.





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Two-thirds say safe routes to school and paving streets and roads is important.





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Introducing a Potential Library Bond

Library Bond Measure Language Tested

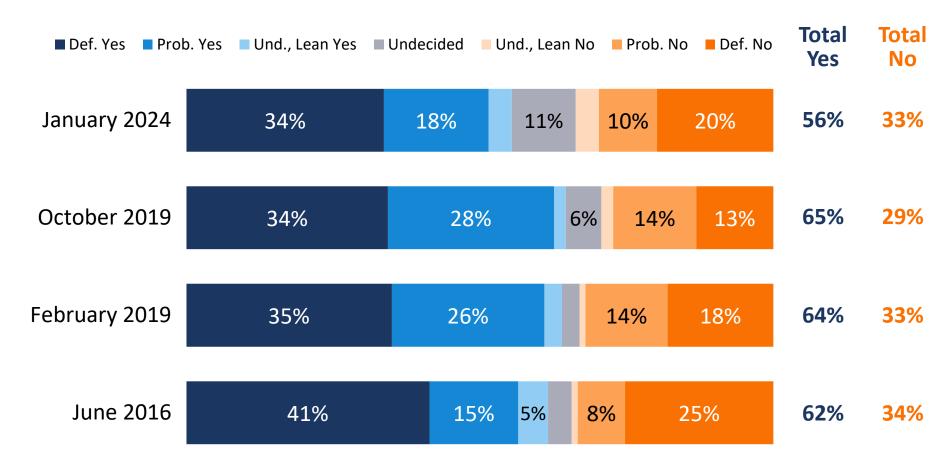
67% Threshold for Passage

Repairing/Modernizing Pacifica's Libraries.

Shall the measure to improve earthquake, fire safety and disability access; repair/replace leaky roofs/plumbing and deteriorating electrical wiring; provide access computers/internet; provide spaces for children/teens/seniors; and become accessible 7 days/week; by repairing/modernizing Sanchez Library and replacing Sharp Park Library, by the City of Pacifica issuing \$60,000,000 in bonds with an average levy of \$24 per \$100,000 assessed value, generating approximately \$3,500,000 annually for 30 years, including financial audits be adopted?



While a majority expressed support for a potential library bond, that support is unfortunately lower than assessed in prior survey research.



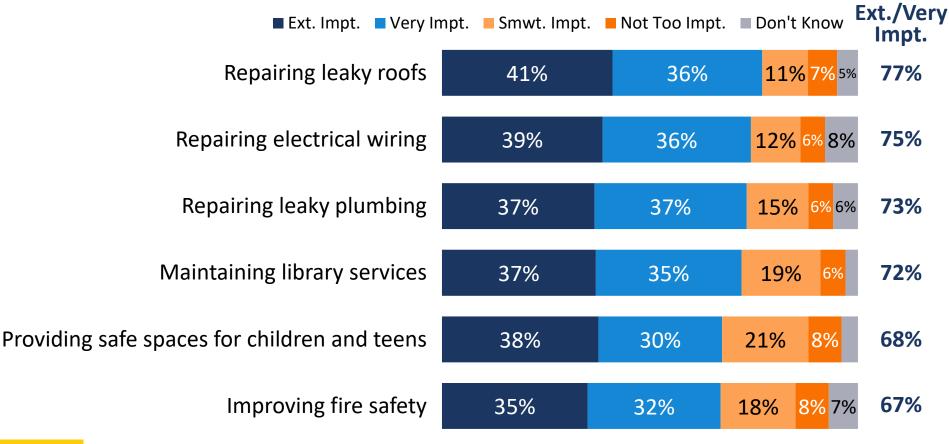


Do you think you would vote "yes" or "no" on this measure?

Repairing leaky roofs, electrical wiring and leaky plumbing are top priorities for a library bond.

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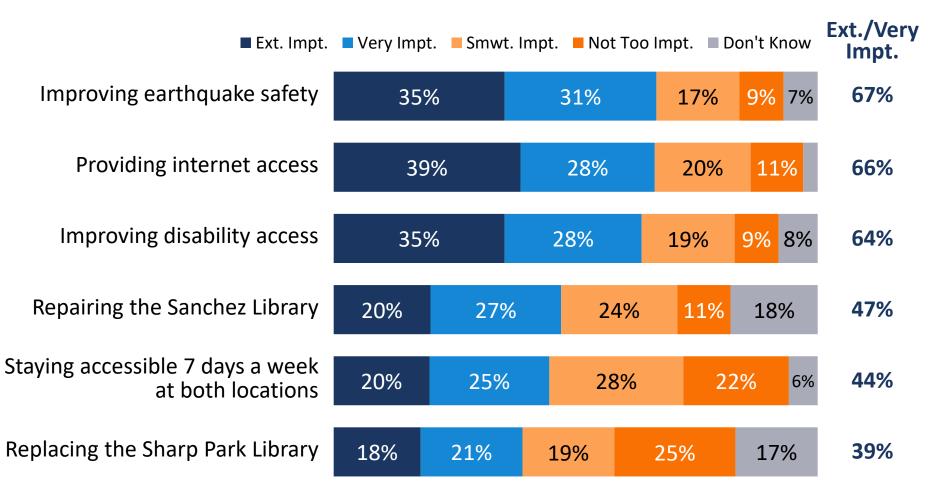
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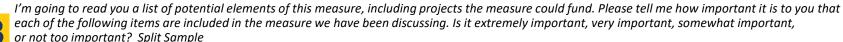




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Lower-tier priorities were tied to specific library branches rather than overall system benefits.





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Introducing a Potential TOT Measure

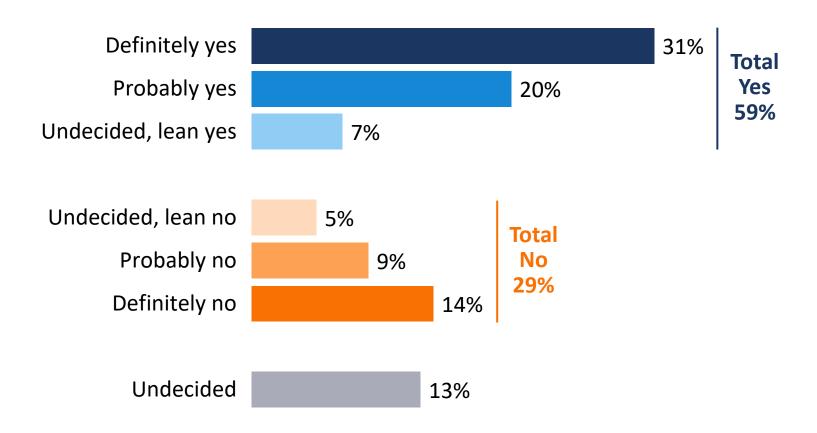
TOT Ballot Language Tested

50% Threshold for Passage

Shall Ordinance No. 200, enacting a transient occupancy tax (paid only by hotel/lodging guests) imposed on short-term stays at a 15% rate, for general government use to continue funding vital Pacifica services, such as police, fire, 911 emergency response; street/pothole repair; youth/senior programs; adapting to sea-level rise; keeping trash off beaches; and generating approximately \$720,000 annually until ended by voters and subject to annual audits, be adopted?



Nearly three in five support a potential TOT measure.





High-level Takeaways

- Majorities of voters feel the city has an appreciable need for additional funding for services <u>and</u> city infrastructure.
- 69% are inclined to support a potential \$60MM infrastructure bond, a measure that currently has a two-thirds vote threshold.
- 56% are inclined to support a potential \$60MM library bond, a measure that also currently has a two-thirds vote threshold.
- 59% are inclined to support a potential, general-purpose TOT measure, which has a majority vote threshold.



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